

Dear Sirs,

Please stop right now! There is no good reason to include ABA teaching within the scope of a speech and language pathologist's program. SLP professionals teach our children to speak. ABA professionals teach an entirely different need! They should not be combined. Imagine the harm this could do. You will be diluting the work a SLP will do during a speech lesson. Proper ABA therapy takes a lot of time and teaches non verbal appropriate behavior. Speech therapy time should be spent SPEAKING and teaching the child to speak.

My 12 year old daughter has autism. She receives ABA therapy everyday as well as speech. They are so different to provide for different needs. I OPPOSE HB 5537, section 6.

Let speech and language professionals do their job! They don't need to learn ABA nor should that encompass their jobs. That just takes time away from teaching our kids to speak. Let ABA therapy remain with the ABA therapists.

Would you want your podiatrist performing your heart surgery? Of course not! Think clearly and make the correct decision!

Sincerely,

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